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SUBJECT: ARRESTS: TRANSFER OF INMATES UNDER TREATY

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PASS JUSTICE, BUREAU OF PRISONS, AND INS

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH REGARD TO CONDUCT OF INITIAL TRANSFER FROM U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL'S AND MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPRESENTATIVES, AS WELL AS PREVENCIÓN SOCIAL, THE MEXICAN BUREAU OF PRISONS UNDER MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. THIS MESSAGE DESCRIBES: (1) PROCESSING OF RECORDS AND FORMAL EXCHANGE OF NAMES; (2) PREPARATIONS FOR TRANSFER; (3) U.S. MAGISTRATE HEARINGS; (4) MOVEMENT OF MEXICAN PRISONERS, FOLLOWED BY MOVEMENT OF U.S. TRANSFEREES TO THE MUNICIPAL CORRECTION CENTER (MCC), A FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS FACILITY IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA; AND (5) ARRANGEMENTS OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT WITH REGARD TO MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE INITIAL TRANSFER.

2. PROCESSING OF RECORDS AND FORMAL EXCHANGE OF NAMES

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EMBASSY IS PROCESSING SOME 225 PRISONER FILES RECEIVED NOV. 28 FROM PREVENCIÓN SOCIAL TO ASSURE THAT REQUIRED AUTHENTICATIONS AND TRANSLATIONS ARE ACCOMPLISHED AS NECESSARY. SEPARATE MESSAGE WILL DESCRIBE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THIS PROCESS. PREVENCIÓN SOCIAL PLANS TO FORWARD FILES OF TEN PRISONERS IN LATEST GROUP (MEXICO 19919) SOONEST. JUSTICE TEAM ADVISES THAT RECORDS WILL

BE TRANSPORTED DIRECTLY FROM EMBASSY TO SAN DIEGO MCC AND THAT U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TRANSFER PROGRAM DIRECTOR, MR. MICHAEL ABBELL, WILL ADVISE BUREAU OF PRISONS GROUND COORDINATORS AT EACH MEXICAN PRISON SITE AS TO WHICH PRISONERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO MOVE ON INITIAL TRANSFER. EMBASSY EXPECTS TO RECEIVE FORMAL NOTE FROM SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WITH LIST OF U.S. PRISONERS FROM MEXICAN GOVERNMENT DECEMBER 1 AND PLANS TO RESPOND IMMEDIATELY BY ACCEPTING ALL EXCEPT THOSE (CURRENTLY FIVE) WHO HAVE FAILED TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP AND THOSE (CURRENTLY TWO) WHO HAVE LIVED FOR MORE THAN FIVE YEARS IN MEXICO PRIOR TO INITIAL APPREHENSION (SEE MEXICO 19840). EMBASSY WILL ENCOURAGE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT TO TRANSMIT SUBSEQUENT FORMAL NOTE, IF ADDITIONAL PERSONS BECOME QUALIFIED FOR TRANSFER.

3. PREPARATIONS FOR TRANSFER

POSTS MUST ADVISE PRISONERS TO DISPOSE OF ALL PROPERTY NOT ALLOWED ON FLIGHTS OR BUSES. EACH PRISONER WILL BE ALLOWED TO TAKE ON THE FLIGHT ONLY ONE DUFFEL BAG OR TWO SUITCASES. AMCONSUL NUEVO LAREDO ADVISED NOV. 29 THAT DUFFEL BAGS FOR U.S. PRISONERS HAD ARRIVED AND WERE BEING SENT TO AFFECTED POSTS IN ESTIMATED NUMBERS CORRESPONDING TO NUMBERS OF TRANSFEREES. POSTS SHOULD DISTRIBUTE ONLY TO THOSE NOT USING SUITCASES. BUREAU OF PRISONS WILL ALSO PROVIDE ONE-PIECE BLUE UNCLASSIFIED

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JUMPSUITS FOR MALE AND TWO-PIECE JUMPSUITS WITH UNDERWEAR FOR FEMALE TRANSFEREES, WHICH WILL ARRIVE WITH FEDERAL DEFENSE COUNSEL. "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR U.S. CITIZENS INCARCERATED IN MEXICAN PRISONS" SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO PRISONERS AFFECTED UPON RECEIPT BY POSTS BY FASTEST MEANS.

4. MAGISTRATE HEARINGS

COMMENCING DECEMBER 5, U.S. MAGISTRATES WILL BE CONDUCTING VERIFICATION PROCEEDINGS TO VERIFY VOLUNTARINESS OF THE CONSENT OF EACH PRISONER BEING TRANSFERRED. MR. ABBELL ESTIMATES THAT EACH MAGISTRATE WILL HOLD APPROXIMATELY 20 HEARINGS PER DAY. HEARINGS WILL BE HELD INITIALLY IN MEXICO CITY BY FOUR MAGISTRATES AND SHOULD END BY DEC. 9. THE DATES AND PLACES OF OTHER VERIFICATION HEARINGS, WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED BY ONE MAGISTRATE, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

TIJUANA, DECEMBER 9

MATAMOROS, DECEMBER 12 AND 13

MONTERREY, DECEMBER 14 AND 15
CUIDAD JUAREZ, DECEMBER 14
CULIACAN, DECEMBER 12 AND 13; AND
HERMOSILLO, DECEMBER 12 AND 13

ALL HEARINGS SHOULD BE CONCLUDED BY DECEMBER 15. POSTS
SHOULD MEET FEDERAL DEFENSE COUNSEL AND MAGISTRATES,

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MONTERREY, DECEMBER 14 AND 15
CUIDAD JUAREZ, DECEMBER 14
CULIACAN, DECEMBER 12 AND 13; AND
HERMOSILLO, DECEMBER 12 AND 13

ALL HEARINGS SHOULD BE CONCLUDED BY DECEMBER 15. POSTS
SHOULD MEET FEDERAL DEFENSE COUNSEL AND MAGISTRATES,
ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION AND LODGING AS NECESSARY, AND
ARRANGE FOR APPROPRIATE SITES AND EQUIPMENT FOR CONDUCT
OF HEARINGS. POSTS WILL BE ADVISED BY THE INDIVIDUALS,
JUSTICE, OR EMBASSY OFFICERS OF THEIR ARRIVAL TIMES
AND LODGING NEEDS.

5. MOVEMENT OF PRISONERS AND BAGGAGE

THE U.S. BUREAU OF PRISONS HAS BEEN GIVEN THE TASK OF
TRANSPORTING ALL QUALIFIED PRISONERS FROM MEXICO
TO THE MCC, SAN DIEGO, TO PROCESS ALL ELIGIBLE PRISONERS
FOR MANDATORY RELEASE, TO PREPARE THE REMAINING PRISONERS

FOR PAROLE HEARINGS, AND TO DESIGNATE TO THE APPROPRIATE
BUREAU FACILITY THOSE PRISONERS NOT MANDATORILY RELEASED
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WHO MUST SERVE OUT SENTENCES IMPOSED IN MEXICAN COURTS.

MEXICAN PRISONERS WILL FIRST BE MOVED FROM THE HOUSTON
AREA, WHERE SOME 11 TEXAS STATE PRISONERS WILL BE PICKED
UP BY CHARTERED PLANE, TO SAN DIEGO, WHERE BETWEEN
TWENTY AND THIRTY WILL BE PICKED UP FROM THE FEDERAL
PRISON SYSTEMS, TO MEXICO CITY.

THE MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS ARRANGED FOR TRANSPORT
OF THE FEMALE U.S. PRISONERS FROM LOS REYES FIRST,
FOLLOWED BY THE MALE PRISONERS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER AS
SPACE IS AVAILABLE. AFTER TRANSPORTATION FROM LOS
REYES AND SANTA MARTA PRISONS WITH THEIR BAGGAGE (AND
WITH A CHILD IN AT LEAST ONE CASE), THE U.S. PRISONERS
WILL BOARD THE SAME PLANE FROM WHICH THE MEXICAN PRISONERS
DEBARK. SECURITY WILL BE TIGHT.

SOME OF THE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AND THE SCHEDULE OF
AIRCRAFT PICKUPS THROUGHOUT MEXICO IS BEING SENT BY
SEPARATE CLASSIFIED MESSAGE.

JUSTICE TEAMS, CONSISTING OF A DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ATTORNEY AND A GROUND COORDINATOR FROM THE BUREAU OF
PRISONS, WILL BE ARRIVING IN TIME TO PROCESS AND
COORDINATE MOVEMENT OF INMATES FROM OTHER PRISONS AS
FOLLOWS:

MEXICO CITY - MESSRS. ABBELL, CORTEZ, AND

CUIDAD JUAREZ - MESSRS. GLYNN AND CORTEZ;

CULIACAN - MESSRS. NORTON AND SEANEZ;

HERMOSILLO - MESSRS. OTIS AND SILVA;

MATAMOROS - MESSRS. GLYNN AND LOYOLA;

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MONTERREY - MESSRS. ABBELL AND ORTIZ;

TIJUANA HEARINGS - MESSRS. NORTON AND SEANEZ;

TIJUANA TRANSPORT BY BUS - MR. LUIS CORTEZ

ALL OF THE ABOVENAMED SHOULD BE MET, AND
LODGING, TRANSPORTATION, AND OFFICE FACILITIES SHOULD BE
ARRANGED. NOTIFICATION OF THEIR ARRIVAL TIMES WILL BE

BY THEIR OFFICES, EMBASSY OFFICERS, OR BY INDIVIDUALS
NAMED.

THE JUSTICE TEAMS NAMED ABOVE WILL ASSIST THE U.S.
MAGISTRATES DURING THE VERIFICATION PROCEEDINGS,
PROVIDE LIAISON WITH MEXICAN PRISON AUTHORITIES
WITH CONSULAR OFFICER ASSISTANCE AS NECESSARY, COORDINATE
THE MOVEMENT OF INMATES AND THEIR PROPERTY TO THE AIRPORTS
ARRANGE FOR FACILITIES FOR SEARCHING THE INMATES AT THE
AIRPORTS PRIOR TO BOARDING VERIFY THE IDENTITY OF
EACH INMATE PRIOR TO BOARDING, AND INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE
DOCUMENTATION FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL IS GIVEN TO THE OFFICER-
IN-CHARGE ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT. PRIOR TO BOARDING, AN
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE OFFICER WILL
PRECLEAR THE U.S. INMATES AT EACH POINT. POSTS WILL BE
ADVISED OF THEIR ARRIVAL TIMES AND SCHEDULES AND ARE
REQUESTED TO ASSIST AS APPROPRIATE. IT IS ANTICIPATED
THAT INS OFFICERS STATIONED AT OUR POSTS IN MEXICO WILL
ACCOMPLISH THIS PRECLEARANCE. CUSTOMS CLEARANCE WILL
TAKE PLACE WHEN PLANES LAND AT SAN DIEGO.

POSTS HAVING QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE ABOVEDESCRIBED
MOVEMENT SHOULD COMMUNICATE WITH CITIZENS' CONSULAR
SERVICES AT THE EMBASSY (CONSUL PRICE OR CONSUL PERKINS)
OR WITH THE BUREAU OF PRISONS COORDINATOR, MR. JIM
MEKO, WHO WILL BE AT THE OFFICE OF THE WARDEN, SAN DIEGO
MCC (TEL. 714-232-4311) OR FTS 891-4311 AFTER DECEMBER 5).

6. MEDIA COVERAGE

THE MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS ADVISED EMBASSY THAT HIS
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PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER, SR. DANIEL CANTUA, JEFE DEL
PRENSA, WILL GIVE PERMISSION FOR ALL INTERVIEWS AND

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MEDIA COVERAGE IN MEXICO CITY PRISONS OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE MOVEMENT OF INMATES TO OR FROM THE PRISONS IN MEXICO CITY. OUTSIDE MEXICO CITY THE AGENTE DEL MINISTERIO PUBLICO WILL GIVE SUCH PERMISSION FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. HE HAS GIVEN EMBASSY ASSURANCES THAT THOSE INMATES DESIGNATED FOR TRANSFER (I.E. THOSE WHO HAVE VERIFIED THEIR DESIRE TO TRANSFER TO A MAGISTRATE) WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO GRANT AN INTERVIEW TO THE PRESS IN THE PRISONS PRIOR TO THE MOVEMENT. ONCE THE MOVEMENT STARTS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, SECURITY WILL BE TIGHT AND MEDIA COVERAGE WILL BE LIMITED TO THE GENERAL AREA OF THE MOVEMENTS. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ABOARD THE PLANES. LUCEY

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